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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Anderson, <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 1771
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Serial No.: 09/746,719	)	Examiner: John J. Guarriello
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Filed: December 22, 2000	)	Deposit Account: 50-2548
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For: Use-Dependent Indicator	)	
System for Absorbent Articles	)	
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed October 22, 2003, please consider the following Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment. A Response to Provoke Advisory was submitted September 2, 2003 (within two months of the Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2003), therefore making the three-month deadline for the present response due on October 22, 2003 (the mailing date of the Advisory Action). Therefore, the present response is being submitted with the required two-month extension of time request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the period of response to December 22, 2003. If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a

petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.